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Assault plea

ATTACKERS broke a man's neck in a brutal assault in Southend last month.

The 58-year-old victim was walking home in Southend at about 9pm on Friday, December 16, when he was assaulted by up to three men near the junction of The Grove and North Avenue.

He was found by members of the public, who contacted emergency services, then received treatment for a broken neck and reconstructive surgery to one of his eye sockets.

Detective Constable Paul Gutteridge, of Southend CID, said the victim was unable to give a description of his attackers, but "someone will know what who was involved".

Witnesses or anyone with information can contact DC Gutteridge on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or crimestoppers-uk.org.

Teen attack

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after two schoolchildren were assaulted as they walked home in Maplin Way, Thorpe Bay.

The teenage boys escaped serious injury after being pursued by a group of five men at around 3.45pm on Friday, January 6.

The teenagers had just crossed over the bridge at Thorpe Bay train station when they were approached and then kicked and punched.

They managed to break free and ran. The suspects headed towards Delaware Road.

The suspects are white and black men, aged between 18 and 22, skinny, between 5ft 8ins and 5ft 11ins tall, and wearing black tracksuits with hoods and bandanas - brands included True Religion, Nike and Duffer.

One of the suspects wore a gold necklace.

Call Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

'FILTH'

Grooming drug peddlers jailed for sexual exploitation

TWO men have been jailed for a total of 33 years after sexually exploiting a vulnerable child and plying her with drugs.

A third man has also been convicted for supplying drugs to teenagers.

Essex Police launched an investigation after receiving intelligence in Chelmsford in December 2013.

A young woman came forward in April 2014 and revealed how Mohammad Rostami had groomed her into believing she was his girlfriend when she was aged just 13 or 14.

Rostami, now 37, formerly of The Renown, Shoeburyness, met the girl when he worked for a take-away in Duke Street, Chelmsford. He groomed her with alcohol and drugs and they started a sexual relationship.

When she became addicted to drugs, he told her she had to start paying

for the drugs herself. He then manipulated her into having sex with other men in return for drugs or money.

She was then exploited by Mehdi Zare, 32, formerly of Lupin Drive, Chelmsford, who also arranged for her to have sex with other men in exchange for drugs or money.

The exploitation took place between around 2006 to 2009 and ended when she left the Chelmsford area.

In the trial at Chelmsford Crown Court from October 10 to December 16, 2016, the two men denied the charges.

Rostami, a hairdresser, was found guilty of causing sexual exploitation of a child aged under 18, sexual activity with a child aged under 16 and supplying cocaine, cannabis and mephedrone.

The jury failed to reach a

verdict on a count of rape.

He was jailed on January 12 for a total of 15 years. In a linked trial last year, Rostami was jailed for six years for conspiracy to supply mephedrone, so his overall jail term is 21 years.

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SAVINGS: Rob Tinlin

Photo by Martin Dalton

Council tax looks set to rise by 4.99%

Authority outlines strategy to bridge £13m funding gap and plans to tap £2.8m of reserves over next three years

Reports by Michael Cox

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SOUTHEND Council has announced a proposed council tax rise of 4.99 per cent and savings to bridge a gap of nearly £13million as it released its draft 2017/18 budget.

The council tax hike is made up of a 1.99 per cent council rise and three per cent as part of the Government's social care precept to go towards adult social care provision in the borough.

The overall rise equates to £1.14 a week or an annual increase of £59.66 for a Band D household.

The council's main central Government grant falls by £6.7m, a drop of almost a third compared to last year.

Draft proposals indicate that £6.9m of departmental savings will have to be made – these will be made through contract renegotiations, service transformation projects, increasing income and projects such as energy efficiency.

Cllr Ann Holland, deputy leader of the council, said: "We do have problems every year with financial cuts that we have to make."

"I've been on the council for 20 years and we've had to make savings every year so obviously it does get more difficult."

It was also confirmed last Wednesday that the council is planning to use £2.8m of its reserves to offset the reduction in business rates and "smooth" the council's budget gap

over the next three years.

Chief executive Rob Tinlin said: "The upside of this year's budget is that a large part of the savings we are making are being driven by either renegotiating contracts or savings coming from decisions taken by the council over the last 12 to 18 months."

He added that the impact of the budget on council staffing this year was "relatively low", with the removal of around 10 full-time posts, but added that a small number of redesign projects over the next year may have staffing implications.

The draft budget will be considered by cabinet on January 19, with the final budget discussed and approved at full council on February 23.

Tenants get rent cut but there is less to spend on new homes

A PLANNED rent reduction of one per cent for council tenants will go ahead in line with Government legislation.

The rent cut is part of the council's draft 2017/18 budget.

Tenant rents are required to be reduced one per cent each year through to 2019/20 as part of the Government's Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016.

The council also announced a further £6.2m investment into the Decent Homes capital programme, for 2020/21, managed by South Essex Homes.

Cllr Mark Flewitt, executive councillor for housing, said that the rent reduction would mean that the council would have around £3.8m less in housing revenue account (HRA) resources each year for the next three years.

He added: "I am very pleased that we are able to present a balanced HRA budget for 2017/18, and have identified a further £6.2m to ensure that we can continue to deliver decent homes for our tenants in the future."

"Whilst rent reduction looks like good news for tenants, for the 75 per cent that are on housing benefit it will make no difference at all."

"From our perspective, unfortunately, it severely reduces the funds we have available to build new council housing."

Council cabinet will consider the proposals at a meeting on January 19, with a full council meeting to set the budget next month.

Cash boost for secondary schools, pier and care homes

THE council revealed a further £59.1million investment in the borough as part of the draft budget plans for next year.

The figure comes in addition to more than £125m in the capital budget already pledged for projects.

The authority will be spending £20m on a "major" secondary school expansion programme.

Chief executive Rob Tinlin said: "We are rapidly moving to the point where we need additional secondary school places so we've put £20m into the council budget to make that provision."

Simon Leftley, deputy chief executive for people, added that the council was in discussions with schools over the plans, with further announcements planned in due course.

There will also be an £11.5m investment in Southend Pier, of which £8m will be to reconstruct the timber outer pier head.

Mr Tinlin said that people will not notice any difference to the pier after the money has been spent, but stressed that the council spends an "awful lot" of money on the structure just to keep it in place.

Cllr Ann Holland, deputy council leader, added: "The pier is the jewel in our crown and the town is so proud of it and we need to keep it up to scratch."

There will also be £9.5m invested in the redevelopment of Priory and Delaware residential care homes and the Viking Day Centre on top of £2m previously identified in the current capital budget.



PRIDE: Cllr Ann Holland

Photo by Martin Dalton

The creation of additional car parking capacity south of central Southend will also be looked into with a £5m investment and a further £500,000 to improve parking signs.

The plans come despite a £6.7m reduction in the grant the council receives from central Government.

Cllr John Lamb, leader of the council, said: "Despite the continued central funding cuts, we must be bold, ambitious and invest in our borough to ensure that we advance and prosper in the future."

He added that the council had listened to traders with the planned investment in extra car parking spaces.

The plans will be considered by the council's cabinet on January 19, with a full council meeting on February 23 to set the final budget.

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Generous patient's sweet surprise for caring hospital staff

STAFF at Southend Hospital were surprised by a patient who treated them to chocolate and gift vouchers to thank them for their care.

David Burch, 73, from Southend, arrived on Castlepoint ward in a very poorly state but is set to be sent home where his recuperation will continue.

As a thank you gesture, the staff received a delivery of 50 tubs of chocolate and £200 of gift vouchers.

David said: "It was the least I could do because they've been great here. All the staff are so kind and caring and I can't fault them in any way.

"I really think they do a great job and are all stars. When you think how much pressure the NHS and the hospital is under yet all the staff are still smiling."

Castlepoint ward manager Julie Edwards said: "As with all other departments we have had a very busy Christmas and New Year. We've never had so many chocolates from just one patient.

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Belfairs students tackle
teacher's latest teaser

A SECONDARY school in Leigh continues to be rated as 'good' following its latest Ofsted inspection.

Belfairs Academy in Highlands Boulevard was subject to a short-term review in November. Inspectors concluded that the school had

maintained its impressive quality of education since the last inspection in May 2013.

They also found the school's sixth was now as effective as the rest of the school. The previous inspection had marked it down slightly.

The school report also stated that teaching across the school was strong and pupils' behaviour excellent.

On a more downbeat note, the inspectors said that disadvantaged pupils had made less progress than other pupils in maths.

Reacting to the inspector's findings, Legra Academy Trust CEO Beverley Williams said: "I am proud of the students and staff at Belfairs and the support that our community gives to ensure that it remains the school of choice."



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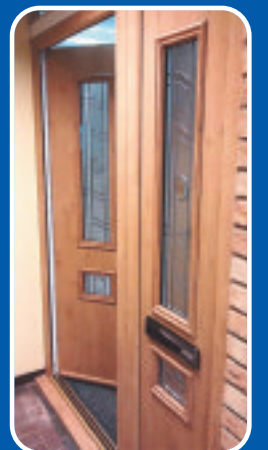
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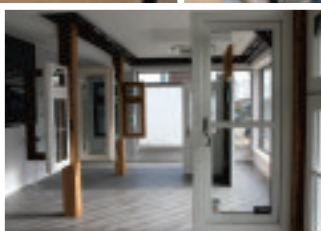
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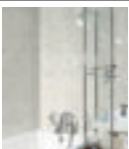
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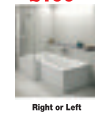
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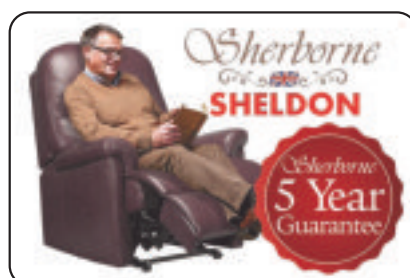
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Brothers jailed for home repair scam

TWO brothers from North Benfleet have been jailed for conning 12 people out of £100,000.

John Cooper, 20, and brother Mark, 31, both from Harrow Road, obtained the money between 2011 and 2014 by cold-calling their victims and then "grossly over-charging" them for unnecessary work to their homes.

Their victims came from across Essex and east London, including Leigh, Westcliff, Basildon, Billericay, Brightlingsea, Colchester and Hutton.

Mark Cooper pleaded guilty to seven counts of money-laundering, while John Cooper admitted 12 counts.

An Essex Police spokesman said: "The pair would often tell their victims that their homes were structurally unsafe and if not fixed could pose a risk to members of the community."

One victim, in his 80s, paid £44,000 for work to his roof and chimney.

An expert said the work should have cost a maximum of £7,500.

An elderly couple were charged £8,500 for works to their roof and guttering which an expert valued at £100.

Both brothers were jailed for two years in a hearing at Basildon Crown Court on Thursday, January 12.

They were also given Serious Crime Prevention Orders lasting five years.

Any breach of the orders can result in up to five years in prison and an unlimited fine.

DC Becky Mansey said: "The gaining of the SCPOs was a critical factor in the sentencing and put strict controls on both suspects when they are released from prison, thus working to prevent further vulnerable victims in the future."

"Work is now ongoing to recover the money they conned out of their victims."



'COLD-HEARTED': John, left, and Mark Cooper told victims their homes posed a risk to people before conning them out of money by carrying out work that was unnecessary

"These were despicable crimes carried out by two cold-hearted men who preyed on the vulnerable and the elderly."

"The Coopers took full advantage of the goodwill of their victims, telling them their homes posed a risk to people before conning them out of vast sums of money by carrying out work that was completely unnecessary. We hope the sentences will come as some solace to their victims and send out a strong message that those who prey on the most vulnerable members of our communities will be brought to justice."

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 - learners on study programmes do well. The college has made a significant contribution to reducing the number of young people in the borough who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)
 - staff are particularly effective at finding good work placements for learners on employability programmes. These placements relate directly to learners' aims and provide good workplace experience
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Tributes flood in for university lecturer

ONE of the county's most famous university lecturers has died after a career spanning six decades.

Political commentator Professor Anthony King, 82, had taught government at the University of Essex since 1966.

He was also a regular commentator on British elections and helped the BBC with its coverage for 20 years.

Vice-chancellor Professor Anthony Forster said: "Professor Anthony King was a giant of political science and one of the University of Essex's longest serving members of staff, joining us in 1966 just two years after the university opened.

"An inspirational teacher, a great political thinker and a brilliant writer, Professor King analysed politics in books and on television with incredible intelligence, insight and wit.

"Our thoughts are with his family and his friends, including his many, many former students."

Born in Canada, Professor King moved to the UK in the 1950s and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, where he gained a doctorate in politics.

Professor Sir Ivor Crewe worked with Professor King on publications including, most recently, *The Blunders of Our*



**BRILLIANT: Professor
Anthony King**

Governments, which received praise from across the political spectrum when it was published in 2013.

Sir Ivor, a member of the Department of Government from 1971 to 1995 and Vice-Chancellor at Essex from 1995 to 2007, said: "Tony King was the foremost academic interpreter of British government and politics of the last 40 years. He applied a fierce intelligence, immense knowledge, and an elegant, lucid style to every aspect of the British political scene on which he wrote or broadcast.

"He made us all the wiser about the changing British constitution, how elections are won and lost, why successive gov-

ernments blunder and much else besides. Tony and the Department of Government were synonymous. He was critical to putting it on the map as a world-leading centre of political science.

"His brilliant lectures inspired generations of Essex students and he was unstinting in his encouragement of young academics, including myself. I mourn a wonderful friend, mentor and colleague."

Close friend and colleague Professor David Sanders, Regius Professor of Political Science at Essex, said: "Tony was the intellectual heart of the Department of Government at Essex. He was the clearest and most compelling lecturer I have ever observed and the very best writer working in contemporary political science."

Essex graduate and Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow MP, said: "It was my great good fortune to be taught by Tony at the University of Essex more than 30 years ago and I still regard his lectures and classes as amongst the most informative and stimulating that I ever heard. There can be no question that, in the study of British politics in particular, he was a colossus. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife Jan at this painful time."

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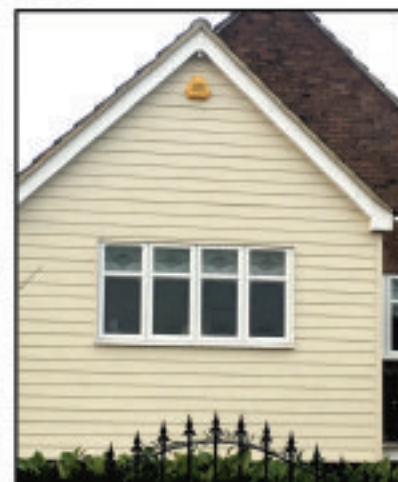


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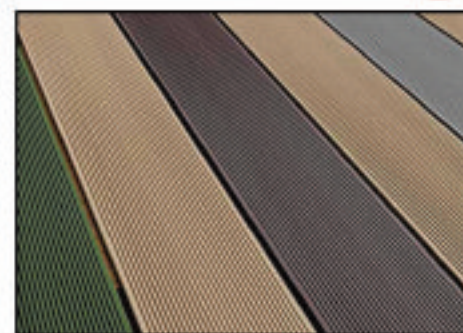


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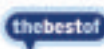
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Stop ignoring ground-level air pollution

I WAS both interested and much concerned in your report of toxic pollution caused by vehicles (YA, January 13).

Sadly, successive governments, irrespective of their political stripe, have utterly ignored this reality and instead, preached the fallacious gospel of climate change caused by CO₂, using serial false science or if you like, non-science (or nonsense) and in so doing, have burdened householders with huge energy cost levies.

Even worse, they have made their best effort to emasculate industry by levying even larger penalties, yet have totally ignored ground-level pollution caused by motorised vehicles.

Surely, this ought properly to have been a first priority?

Having spent one week in Mexico City on a project in May 1979, I was able at first hand to experience what the inevitable result will be in British towns and cities.

In the 1960s, Professor Colin Buchanan wrote a detailed report, forecasting how with the increased reality of car ownership, towns and cities would be gridlocked and the air unbreathable.

He was not alone in his Dystopian forecasts.

Governments adore taxes, any taxes. Provides much more of our hard-earned money to waste.

Thus they allowed our society to predicate day-to-day life on personal mobility: super-markets sited outside concentrated housing, destroyed local business and the range of shops selling fish, meat and groceries; thus compelling shoppers to travel much further.

People are forced to commute large distances by car on a daily basis. Check the A13 and A127 at 7am.

Mothers cannot even walk their children to school.

Much more impressive to use the new massive 4x4 and sit outside with the diesel engine running, even when they only live a few minutes away.

The incidence of serious respiratory disease has become an epidemic, particularly in the young and mature.

Perhaps this might be a covert policy of euthanasia to reduce the population?

Think of the savings on the NHS and pensions.

Michael C Feltham
Shoeburyness

Doing our bit to save our green belt

MANY residents of Castle Point have made their feelings quite clear to Castle Point Borough Council that we want to protect our green belt and this as we know will restrict the Government's unreasonable demands for us to comply with building new properties.

Our councillors have listened to the people that they represent and now the Government inspector has turned down the Local Plan which has been put forward based on common sense and the ratepayers' wishes.

The Government's need for extra housing is mainly based on their out-of-date immigration policy which has been rejected by the majority of the nation.

It's time for a new policy which should be based on the needs and desires of the UK electorate instead of the dogmatic attitudes of the Government policy makers, who obviously do not live in the real world.

The Government needs to listen to the grassroots via their local councillors or the system of democracy will fail.

I feel that we should all do our bit to save our green belt.

Keith Little
Benfleet

EU market has been good for us

I DON'T usually comment on national issues in our local newspapers and the issue of the EU is I must admit not something I am really totally sure about anyway, but what I find really annoying is the comments that we were much better off before we joined because I certainly don't remember that.

Care support launch

A NEW care coordination service has been launched in Southend for people with complex needs.

The complex care coordination service is led by a team from the South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust and aims to identify and support patients to maintain personal independence, delay disease progression and improve overall outcomes.

The service has been commissioned by NHS Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and will see health and social care staff

from a number of agencies working together including local GP practices, social care and housing.

Sharon Houlden, Southend Council's director of adult services and housing, said: "Social workers and their health colleagues will work side-by-side.

"This will help them have a strong understanding of their local community and engage wholly with residents to maximise independence and inclusion and reduce marginalisation."

A Southend CCG spokesman said that

Southend's NHS and social care services are being arranged around four localities (west, west central, east central and east) and the new service is initially being launched within east central before being rolled out in the remaining three areas.

The service is expected to be coordinated and integrated with other services which support and deliver care to individuals with complex care needs, their carers and families including community mental health services, voluntary services and community groups.

We joined what was then called the Common Market in 1973 and we had a referendum on whether or not we should stay just over two years later with a 66 per cent majority.

I have now got used to being an English, British and European citizen and going back to the good old days, that I don't believe we had, worries me a great deal.

Last year's referendum was won by a very slim majority of 51 per cent and I really

believe this would swing the other way if people now had a second vote.

Should something so important as this be changed by a referendum that is so close?

Maybe there should have been percentage majority required of say at least 55 per cent.

We all know the EU is not perfect and needs reform, but does that warrant leaving it altogether?

We also know David

Cameron didn't get such a good deal from his EU negotiations, but I am sure that if there was a second chance at this a better result would be obtained.

The single market has been very good for Britain and my worry is that stepping into unknown trade agreements will mean being worse off than those good old days that we didn't have in 1973.

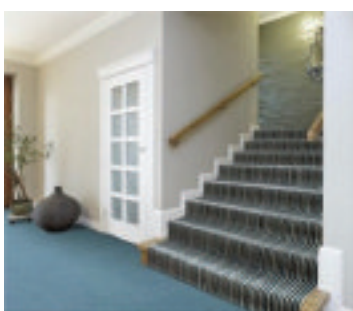
Alan James
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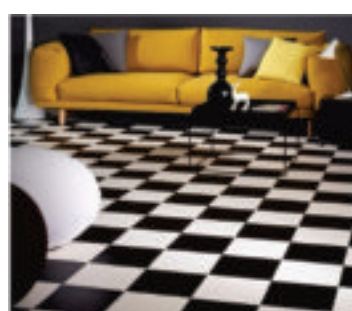
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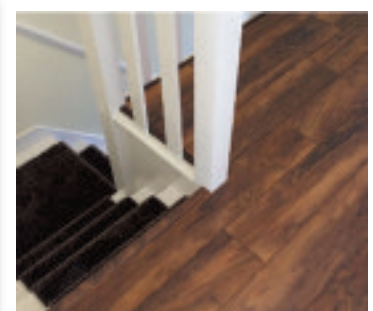
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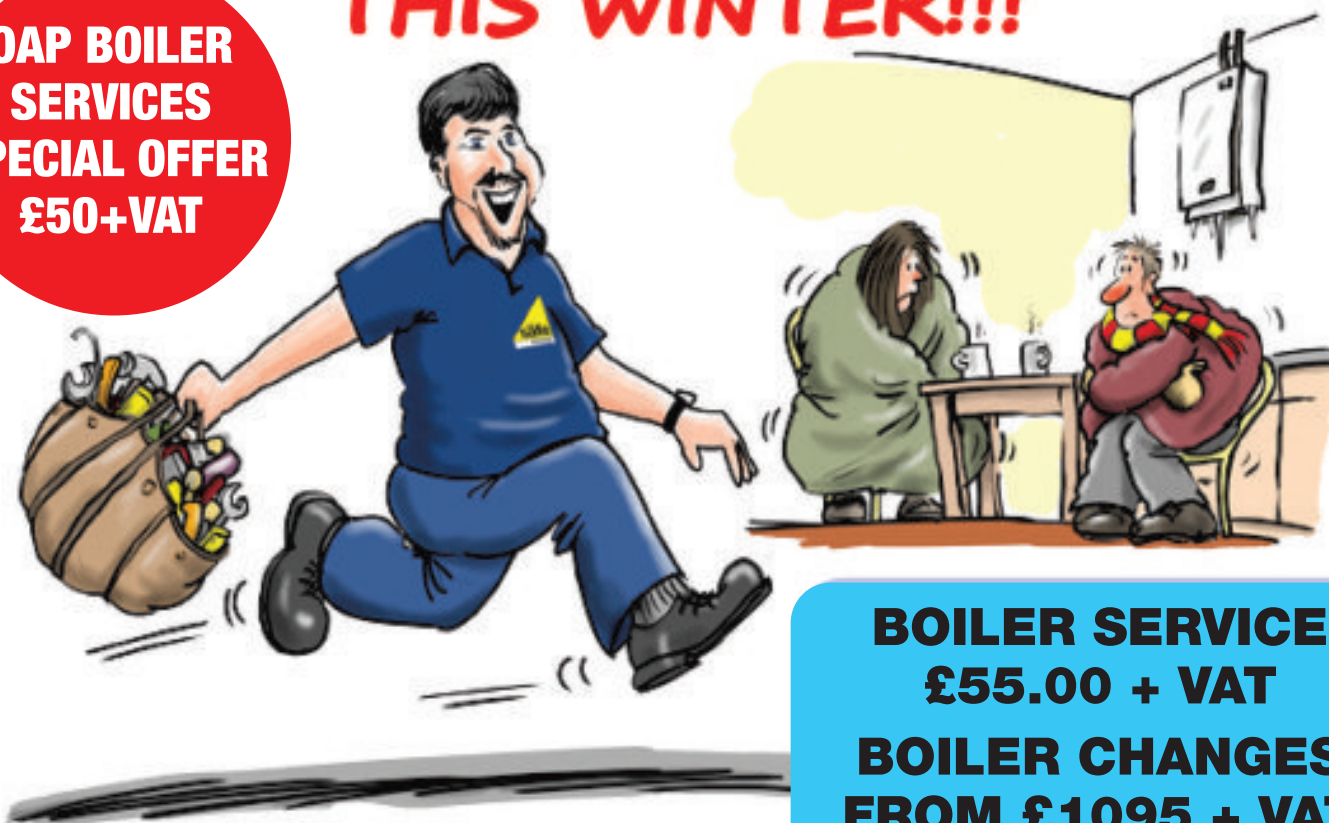
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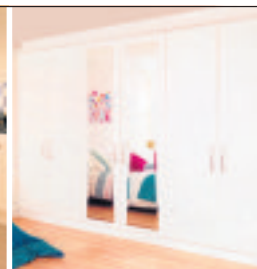
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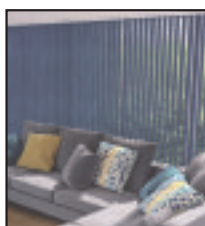
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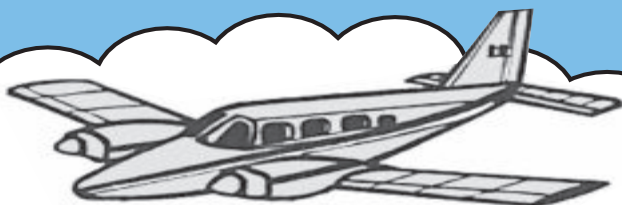
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DITCH: 'I'm fat – I must lose weight'

SWITCH: 'I will cherish my body and treat it with the TLC it deserves'

Wanting to maintain a healthy weight is a good idea, and it is important that you're happy with your body – but that is not the same thing as feeling pressure to be 'perfect'.

First, you have to learn to accept yourself, and believe that you deserve to look after and love yourself. No, that doesn't always come easy. But, stepping away from negative patterns – the self-scrutiny and punishment/the destructive or emotional eating patterns – will help.

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DITCH: 'I must go to the gym at least three times a week (even though I hate it)'
SWITCH: 'I'm going to find something I love doing – and do it because I love it'

Hands up if you've ever made the pledge 'I will start going to the gym... once I've lost some weight' or 'I'll take

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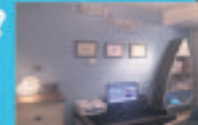


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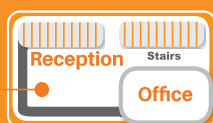


We provide cutting edge functional training equipment with options for traditional bodyweight exercises. Customise your workout with training attachments to suit your training space and requirements.



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Exercising in a group environment can be more motivational than exercising alone and we aim to offer a complete range of group fitness classes. A full range of FREE classes are available on your club page online. Schedules are always being improved and updated and we have a policy of introducing new and interesting sessions on a regular basis.



Often with private access from the ladies changing facilities, our ladies only gym areas are essentially a fully equipped 'mini gym'. We include a range of cardio machines, resistance equipment, free weights and a stretch area, for those who might feel comfortable working out with a bit more privacy.



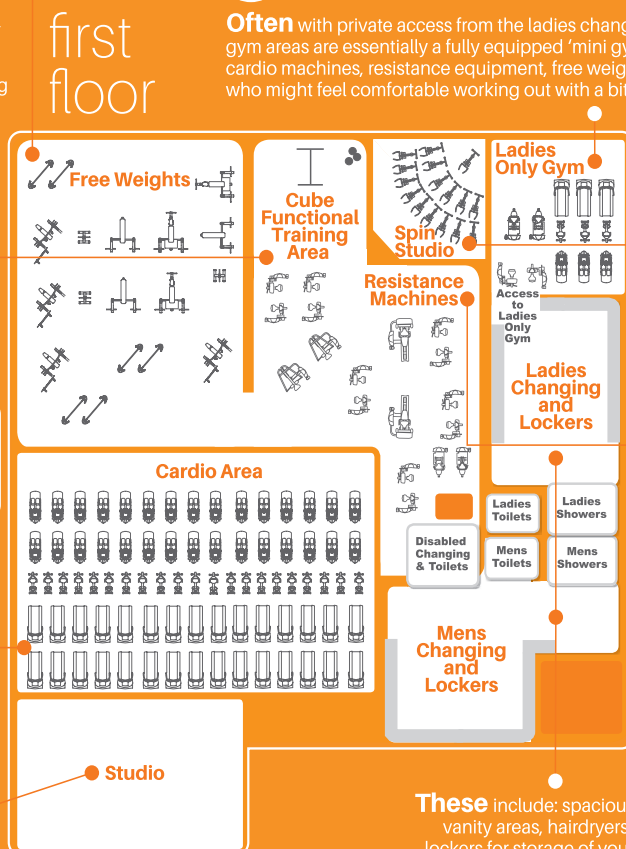
Did you know group cycling classes are one of the most efficient fitness and calorie burning exercises you can get involved in? We run regular introductory sessions for those who are new, but all classes allow you to work out at your own level and intensity.



This mixed gym environment, includes fitness kit to work on every body part. We promote a relaxed and open atmosphere, where we hope everyone will feel comfortable, no matter what your fitness level or experience.



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LIFESTYLE

MATT FINISH

ENJOY the music of Matt Monro this spring during an unforgettable evening at The Broadway, Barking.

The Matt Monro Story – One Voice, an inspired performance by Matt Monro Jr, will keep the music, warmth and memory of his father alive during a tour that kicks off in February at Richmond Theatre, Dudley.

The 35-show tour takes in venues across the country and will include a performance at The Broadway, Barking, on Sunday, March 12.

Monro can arguably lay claim to being Britain's biggest musical export of all time.

The man dubbed "the singer's singer" and "the man with the golden voice" clocked up a staggering 100million sales in his lifetime and was the first artist to sing a James Bond theme – From Russia With Love.

He also contributed the score to popular film, The Italian Job, and sold eight million copies of his version of Frank Sinatra's My Way in the Philippines alone, where Sinatra sold a mere 300,000.

Beatlemania had nothing on his reception in the Philippines and even today his son receives a hero's welcome.

Produced throughout his career by Sir George Martin, Monro's hits in the '60s and '70s encompassed some of the greatest music ever. The likes of From Russia With Love, The Impossible Dream, Portrait Of My Love, Softly As I Leave You, Walk Away, My Kind Of Girl, Yesterday, Gonna Build A Mountain, made his a household name, and then there was Born Free.

It was Born Free that firmly established Monro in the hearts of young and old alike, as its opening notes forever conjured up a

time and place – African plains, endangered lions, the film with actress Virginia McKenna. The smooth mellifluous voice of Monro became synonymous with Born Free and the song was, and still is, a huge iconic song in Africa.

During the tour, Matt Monro Jr pays tribute to his father, by not only encapsulating the story of his dad's rags-to-riches story, but also giving a unique insight into the man himself.

The journey of a boy who could not read or write but had to support his family, is told in loving detail by his son giving a glimpse into what it was like growing up in the Monro household. Video clips, home movies, even sequences where Matt Jr duets with his dad, all play a part in this celebration of the life and legacy of Monro.

Be prepared to be transported in time during a tribute that promises to be informative, entertaining and hugely enjoyable.

If you can't wait until March to see The Matt Monro Story then catch some of these musical delights at The Broadway, Barking, in the meantime.

The Upbeat Beatles will be at the theatre on Saturday, January 28, to take you on a Magical Mystery Tour through the lives and fabulous ground-breaking work of one of the most influential and popular bands of all time.

With the songs that changed a generation, this show will have you tapping your feet from the opening bars and dancing in the aisles just a few timeless songs later. From the depths of Liverpool's Cavern Club all the way to the rooftop of The Apple building, The Upbeat Beatles will take you on a journey that is the story of The Beatles



CROONER: Matt Monro

through their songs.

Pete Storm, who has performed his sensational and heartfelt tribute to Elvis for more than 10 years, will be taking his Elvis – Return to Vegas 2017 show to the theatre on Friday, February 17.

In 1969 Elvis Presley took to the stage at the International Hotel in Las Vegas with a point to prove. He delivered the show of a lifetime proving to all in attendance that he was back where he belonged and poised to carve out an exciting new chapter in his amazing career.

The show, which will be joined by Juan Lozano's Graceland band and duo, Mills & Boon, takes audiences from that spectacular opening night and beyond, through the years when Elvis was at his peak.

If you like the music of the '70s then catch a tribute to the decade at The Broadway on Saturday, February 18. The Supersonic 70s Show, a six-piece tribute show, will include hits from David Essex, Abba, The Sweet, Suzi Quatro, Boney M., The Osmonds, David Cassidy, Elton John, Kiki Dee, T.Rex, Olivia Newton-John and the Bay City Rollers.

The Barking theatre will also stage Sinatra – His Way on Friday, February 24; The Simon & Garfunkel Revival Band on Friday, March 3; and The Beach Boys Story on Saturday, March 4.

For tickets to see The Matt Monro Story – One Voice on Sunday, March 12, or any of the other shows visit www.thebroadwaybarking.com or call the box office on 020 8507 5607.

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Tearjerker opens floodgates

LION (PG, 118 mins)

HOME is where the heart is, but when memories of that place of sanctuary are cruelly stolen at an early age, can you truly be at peace?

One man's extraordinary true-life odyssey – to locate the birth mother and older brother he lost at the age of five – provides the inspiration for Garth Davis's life-affirming drama, which looks set for recognition in multiple categories at next month's Academy Awards.

Screenwriter Luke Davies has skilfully adapted the non-fiction book *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley, elegantly cutting back and forth between traumatic events more than 20 years apart to accompany the lead character on his seemingly hopeless quest for emotional closure.

Dev Patel and Sunny Pawar are both terrific as the 26-year-old and five-year-old incarnations of Saroo, who is unexpectedly transplanted from Khandwa, where family and friends speak Hindi, to the giddy whirl of Calcutta, where residents speak Bengali, and then onto Australia.

Cinematographer Greig Fraser captures these three locations on two continents in rich and meticulous detail, providing a compelling backdrop to the heart-wrenching trials and tribulations that will reduce audiences to puddles of saltwater emotion.

Saroo (Patel) lives in 1987 Khandwa with his mother Kamla (Priyanka Bose) and siblings.

Rooney Mara as Lucy
and Dev Patel as Saroo
Brierley in *Lion*
PA Photo/Entertainment Film



The five-year-old idolises his 12-year-old brother Guddu (Abhishek Bharate) and the two boys embark on a night-time excursion to the local railway station.

A horrible twist of fate separates the children and Saroo is trapped aboard a train, which heads 1,600km east to the bustling shanty towns of Calcutta.

Unable to speak the language, the boy eventually meets Saroj Sood (Deepti Naval), who runs the Indian Society for Sponsorship

and Adoption and places him with adoptive parents John and Sue Brierley (David Wenham, Nicole Kidman) in Hobart, Tasmania.

Many years later, Saroo (now played by Patel) is enrolled on a course at the Royal Melbourne College of Hotel Management and casually confesses details of his past to other Indian students.

They encourage him to use online satellite mapping software to trace the railway line from Calcutta back west.

Fellow student Lucy (Rooney Mara) pledges her support to Saroo, whose studies suffer as he stares at pixels on his laptop screen, looking in vain for a station with a water tower that might be Khandwa.

Lion is a majestic, heartfelt drama that delivers an almighty emotional wallop as Saroo gradually pieces together his past.

Director Davis deftly moves between timeframes as he elicits riveting performances from Patel,

Pawar and Kidman as a proud mother who will never stand in the way of her beautiful boy tracing his bloodline.

If a few stony-hearted souls remain steadfastly dry-eyed to the end, real-life footage over the credits and an explanation of the film's enigmatic title set to the soaring vocals of Australian chart-topper Sia, will prize open the floodgates.

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RATING: 8.5/10

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Coming soon:- Tues 21st of Feb. Julie jive & The Bigshots... Tues 28th of Feb The Derek Nash Funk Experience... Tues 7th March. The Michele Drees Tap Project.

Competition

Never been before then Win 2 tickets & a meal for the 21st of Feb. To enter E-mail the word '**Bigshots**,' to boneswithtones@gmail.com. Winner drawn on the 14th of Feb. E-mail address will not be added to mailing list unless requested.



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Friday, January 20

- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz Duo – San Fairie Ann, Alexander Street, Southend, 8.15pm. Details 01702 348088.
- Scottish Country Dancing – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10 to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
- Book Club – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am. 01268 465854.
- Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328880.
- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.
- Table Tennis – St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoeburyness, 2-4pm. 01702 343462.
- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Neveden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for stroke victims, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz Workshop – Southend Jazz Co-op, Hangleigh old fire station, Hangleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hangleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07757 658799.

Saturday, January 21

- Ballroom, Latin and Sequence dance – Runnymede Hall, Benfleet, 7.30 pm. Details 07748707122.
- Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The

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- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club – The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.
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- Discussion evening – Hosted by Baha'i faith, 12 Lytton Road, Romford, 8pm
- Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon. All-weather green, free coaching, details call Chris 01268 419831.
- Green bowls – Mopsies Park, Vange, details 01268 558756.
- Games Club – St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Scrabble, chess, rummikub, backgammon and lots more. 2pm-4pm. Tel 07884 148148.
- Ron Spack's Jazztet – Dave Jago, trombone, Tony Gooderham, keyboard, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Coffee Morning and sale of goods – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon.
- Club 50+ – 1B Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Craylands and Felmores area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or just turn up.
- Dance Class – usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am to noon, tai chi: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm. Indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Counselling Service – Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
- Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road. Badminton and table tennis 2-4pm. £4 inc equipment. 01268 773100.
- Activity Session for adults with special needs – 10am to noon. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.
- Duplicate Bridge – Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call 01702 343611 or 01702 520993.
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- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
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Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.

- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hangleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls, Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Ray 01268 777666.
- Indoor Bowls – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Monday 2-4pm, 01268 465854.
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- Senior Citizens Club – Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Pensioners stall – York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance – 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS7 7TT. 3pm, £3 all profits to charity Tel: 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.
- Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm. 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hangleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.

Tuesday, January 24

- Rayleigh Horticultural Society Club Night – talk by Keith "Badger" Price on preparing vegetables and flowers for shows. St Michael's Church Hall, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, SS6 9JB. 8-10pm.
- Computer help session – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Free. 01277 624624.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £5, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314863.
- Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Social Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.

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 ■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Ave, Leigh on Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
 ■ Folk Music – The Hoi at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, 01702 715111.
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 ■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.
 ■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm, 07970 432994.
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 ■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am to noon.
 ■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
 ■ Bingo and Hoi – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
 ■ Top Cats Social Club (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
 ■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.
 ■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
 ■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre,

Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
 ■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoeburyness, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children up to five years old. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, January 25

■ Al-Anon meeting – Worried about someone else's drinking? A fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics share their experience in order to solve common problems. 7.30-9pm, All Saints Church, 1 Sutton Road, Southend, SS2 5PA.
 ■ Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £4 inc equipment, 01268 773100.
 ■ Hatha Yoga Class – Leigh Community Centre, Leigh, 9.30-11am, 01702 552260.
 ■ Sculpture, Stone Carving & Lettering – Traditional tools and professional tuition. 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoeburyness. Jim Davis 01702 292867.
 ■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA, 07948 108195.
 ■ Duplicate Bridge, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, small friendly club, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.
 ■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Rd, Leigh, 9.30 and 11am, 01702 712150.
 ■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, details Gill 01702 421737.

Thursday, January 26

■ Over-50s Chair-based Yoga Class – Club 50+, 1b Queens Road, Southend, SS1 1LT, 11.15am-12.15pm, members £1.50, non-members £3.50, 01702 346863, www.club50southend.co.uk.
 ■ Over-50s Belly Dancing Class – Club 50+, 1b Queens Road, Southend, SS1 1LT, 1.15-2.45pm, members £1.50, non-members £3.50, 01702 346863, www.club50southend.co.uk.
 ■ Leigh-on-Sea Camera Club – Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, 7.45-10pm. Visitors £3 per meeting, www.leighcameraclub.co.uk.

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CULTURE CULTURES: Lindsay Hoyle MP, deputy speaker of the House of Commons, left, Anton Ferdinand, Cllr Judith McMahon, Mayor of Southend, and Sir David Amess MP

SOUTHEND was launched as the Alternative City of Culture 2017 at a ceremony in Parliament.

It was launched by Southend West MP Sir David Amess last Wednesday.

The event, which was held in the Palace of Westminster, was attended by the likes of Southend United footballer Anton Ferdinand and celebrities including TV presenter Dominic Littlewood.

Businesses, organisations and community members were also there to support the launch.

There will be a year-long programme of events that will showcase the town's culture.

Sir David said: "The launch of Southend-on-Sea Alternative City of Culture 2017 at Westminster could not have gone better.

"There was a wonderful atmosphere and I felt so very proud that we were able to showcase at the mother of all Parliaments the rich culture that we have in our town.

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CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

1. Caused to continue with a pet reputed to go out (11)
9. Siren finding a new role with a Hawaiian garland (7)
10. Gee, an American soldier's dog (5)
11. Paper pancake? (5)
12. Wading bird putting a restraint on a seabird (7)
13. Reread and amend (6)
15. Islander in a trance? (6)
18. Guilty person the copper left to trip up (7)
20. Boat going over lagoons (5)
22. Prize for commercial about conflict (5)
23. A country's birds (7)
24. Approval given to bad drivers? (11)

DOWN

2. Always poetically, that is strange (5)
3. They conceal curtain-rails in temples (7)
4. Attempt to hide a one-pound hat (6)
5. A Glaswegian at the races (5)
6. Serious Eastern problems (7)
7. An expert in current affairs? (11)
8. Getting a job at the end of the race (7,4)
14. House fashionable for a criminal (7)
16. Or go back and play the guitar on the platform (7)
17. Says it's America (6)
19. Went by horse to the ring for a display of cowboy skills (5)
21. Main geographical feature? (5)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

1. Celebration (11)
9. Souvenir (7)
10. Attach (5)
11. Command (5)
12. Dizziness (7)
13. Harangue (6)
15. Ingot (6)
18. Wandering (7)
20. Clique (5)
22. Net fabric (5)
23. Unit (7)
24. First (11)

DOWN

2. Called (5)
3. Neglected (7)
4. Develop (6)
5. Step (5)
6. Raving (7)
7. Solicitous (11)
8. Remonstrator (11)
14. Walker (7)
16. Dirty (7)
17. Cry (6)
19. Live (5)
21. Dim (5)

Last week's solutions

QUICK SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Obstruct; 5 Free; 9 Bald; 10 Bypassed; 11 Bijou; 12 Orifice; 13 Presentiments; 18 Expected; 19 Poke; 20 Shampoo; 21 Talon; 22 Deep; 23 Insanity.
 Down: 2 Brazier; 3 Tedious; 4 Cry for the moon; 6 Russian; 7 Endless; 8 Sadism; 13 Pleased; 14 Expiate; 15 Escape; 16 Explain; 17 Take out.

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Stop work; 5 Spur; 9 Left; 10 In the end; 11 Strip; 12 Operate; 13 Reckless speed; 18 Call over; 19 Nous; 20 Adamant; 21 Chide; 22 Must; 23 Trumpery.
 Down: 2 Theatre; 3 Patrick; 4 Run for shelter; 6 Presage; 7 Redhead; 8 Cheers; 13 Reclaim; 14 Collars; 15 Look at; 16 Punch-up; 17 Ecuador.

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Future appearances include Shades of Grey on January 20; Frog on a Rocket on January 27; Larry and the Streamers on February 10; Beagles on February 24;

Freefall on March 10; and Illicit on March 24.

There are also Pie and Pasta Nights on Wednesdays, from 5-9pm, with a choice of pasta or homemade pie for £6.95 including a pint of beer or a standard glass of wine.

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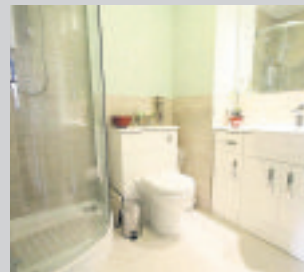


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Southend On Sea £120,000



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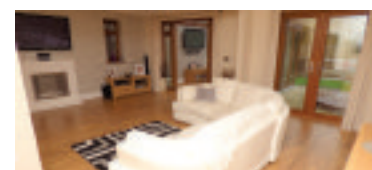
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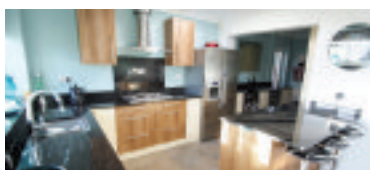
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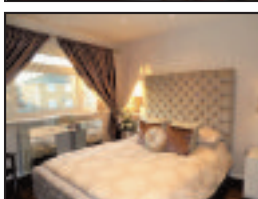
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£349,995**SOUTHEND ON SEA**

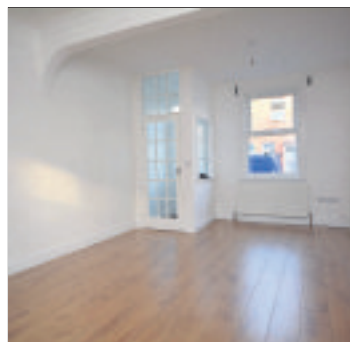
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£229,950**SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE**

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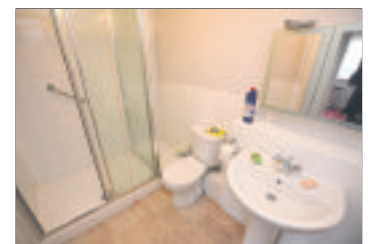
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- New Bathroom
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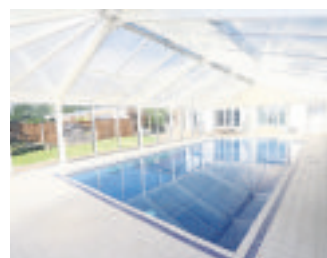
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Benfleet Road, HADLEIGH

O.I.E.O £1,270,000



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HADLEIGH / £320,000

An Individually Designed Home With Superb Sun Terrace Offering Far Reaching Views To The South Towards The Thames Estuary In This Excellent Location Within Striking Distance Of Both Hadleigh & Leigh-On-Sea \ Lounge/Diner 22'9 x 15'6 \ Kitchen 11'9 x 10'1 \ Rear Reception Room 15'6 x 14'3 \ Bedroom One 14'0 x 13'6 With Balcony \ Bedroom Two 9'8 x 9'0 \ Bedroom Three 10'5 x 6'10 \ Five Piece Bathroom Suite 13'3 x 8'4 \ Rear Garden In Excess Of 50ft \ Off Street Parking \ EPC Band D \ Call 01702 555888

HADLEIGH / Guide £300,000 - £315,000

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Hockley / **£640,000**



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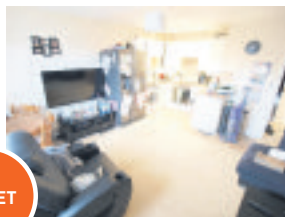
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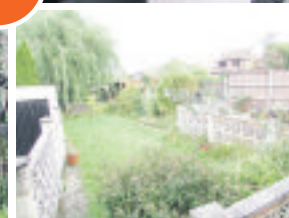
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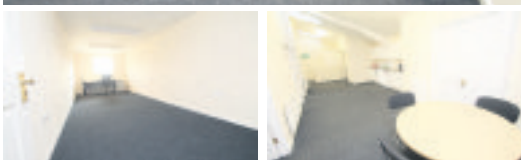
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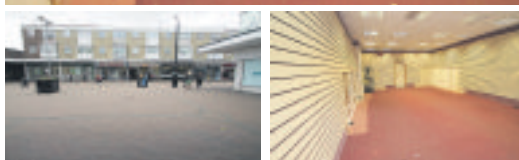
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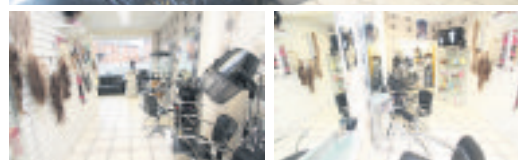
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LEIGH-ON-SEA, GUIDE PRICE £650,000

Stunning contemporary detached luxury home in sought after location, four bedrooms, en suite shower, truly exceptional 31'5 x 21'2 open plan family room and "dream" kitchen, super dining room, utility room, cloaks/w.c., luxury bathroom, garage, attractive landscaped rear garden. THIS FABULOUS PROPERTY MUST BE VIEWED! ETL5457



MARINE ESTATE, LEIGH £599,995

A truly exceptional family house situated on the highly sought after Marine Estate within the Westleigh Schools catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station. The bright and spacious extended accommodation includes a fabulous 28'3 x 13' open plan luxury kitchen/ family/ dining room, a large separate and elegant lounge, cloaks/w.c., utility room, three good size bedrooms and a large luxury bathroom. There is also an impressive garden with decking patio and parking for a number of cars. A QUICK SALE IS POSSIBLE AND EARLY VIEWING IS ADVISED.

NEW DETACHED HOUSES IN LEIGH-ON-SEA £725,000

Sought after location approx one mile to Station and Broadway. 4 double bedrooms, en suite shower room, luxury family bathroom and cloaks/w.c., large lounge, separate sitting room, separate study, stunning open plan kitchen/ family room/ dining area with complete integrated appliances, fitted utility room. PLANS AVAILABLE AT THIS OFFICE FOR INSPECTION. READY FOR OCCUPATION SPRING 2017. Ref etl5500



FABULOUS DETACHED BUNGALOW, WESTCLIFF ON SEA £487,500

We are privileged with instructions to offer for sale this luxury detached bungalow with an impressive 60' road frontage situated in a particularly sought after location. The current owners have spared no expense in creating an immaculate, beautiful home. 100' approx rear garden, garage and private driveway, superb 24'7 lounge, 18'4 x 11' luxury open plan kitchen and dining room, two double bedrooms, viewing essential. Ref etl5512



LUXURY DETACHED BUNGALOW, LEIGH-ON-SEA £429,995

A truly exceptional detached luxurious bungalow occupying a lovely south backing plot with a fabulous 90' south facing landscaped garden complete with summerhouse fitted with wood burner. The bungalow offers superb accommodation with a stunning 23' x 14'7 conservatory with heated floor, and elegant 18' x 12' lounge, a large luxury kitchen/ breakfast room, two double bedrooms, shower room, cloaks/w.c. and a beautiful spa bathroom. There is also an attic room and a garage plus extra parking. NO ONWARD CHAIN.



SUPERB REFURBISHED CHALET, WESTCLIFF £375,000

Refurbished three/ four bedroom chalet / bungalow situated in a sought after location on the Somerset Estate within walking distance of local shops, schools and high schools. All new fittings and floor coverings, cloaks/w.c. vast 22'7 x 22 open plan luxury kitchen / dining area and sitting area, spacious lounge (could also be a 4th bedroom) Luxury bathroom, en suite shower room to bed 1, KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. Ref etl5511

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MONTAGUE COURT RETIREMENT FLAT £149,995

Rare opportunity to purchase this spacious beautifully maintained one bedroom flat FOR THE OVER 60'S perfectly placed for local shops in Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff Station and the seafront. An early appointment to view is strongly advised. Superb condition, excellent communal facilities. Ref etl 5508

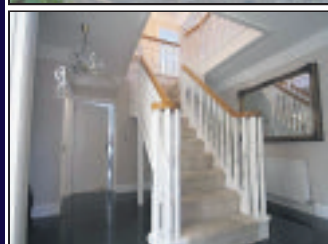


SUPERB TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT, SOUTHCHURCH £204,950

This stunning flat must be viewed ! Convenient location, walking distance of shops, seafront and Station. Two superb double bedrooms, large elegant 18'10 x 15' lounge with feature fireplace, spacious 10'8 x 8'6 fitted kitchen, luxury bathroom with 4 piece suite, gas c/h, double glazing, own personal street door / private entrance - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. Ref etl 5527

LARGE REFURBISHED BUNGALOW, WESTCLIFF £269,996

Two double bedroom refurbished bungalow in convenient location, walking distance of shops, Southend Hospital and Prittlewell station. 35' x 70' approx rear garden, ALL NEW kitchen, bathroom, gas central heating, doors, fittings etc. Spacious lounge, 26' x 8' conservatory and utility area, 19'2 x 10'4 extensively fitted kitchen / diner with appliances, two double bedrooms - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. Ref etl5520



CHALKWELL RETIREMENT FLAT £125,000

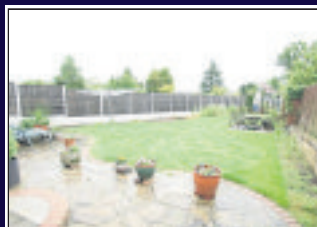
A purpose built flat situated within the sought after Kings Meade block of apartments for the Over 60's. Situated on the Chalkwell Hall Estate within easy reach of local amenities. Excellent communal facilities. Spacious lounge, kitchen, double bedroom, shower room, lovely communal lounge, laundry room, lift service to all floors Ref etl5524

GROUND FLOOR FLAT, MONTAGUE COURT £169,995

An extremely rare opportunity to purchase a ground floor flat for the over 60's situated within the sought after Montague Court development, close to Hamlet Court Road, the station and the seafront. Double bedroom, spacious kitchen, shower room/w.c. Superb communal facilities Ref etl5522

RETIREMENT APARTMENT, WESTCLIFF £145,000

PRICED TO SELL FAST - this bright and spacious purpose built flat for the over 60's situated within Montague Court, which is perfectly placed for local shops, the station and seafront. This flat has a double bedroom, good size lounge, a larger than average kitchen and a bathroom with shower. Ref etl 5498



5 BEDROOM DETACHED HOME IN LEIGH-ON-SEA £649,995

Stunning accommodation - reception hall with central staircase and galleried landing, five bedrooms, three en suite's, cloaks/ shower room, luxury bathroom, vast 24'3 x 19'10 lounge, open plan to dining room/ conservatory, 18 x 13' kitchen with integrated appliances, utility room etc. Large west facing garden, garage with in and out driveway providing further parking for at least four cars. NO ONWARD CHAIN. Ref etl5484

LARGE 3 DOUBLE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW - 65' ROAD FRONTAGE - HOCKLEY £450,000

This large detached bungalow occupies a large irregular shaped plot with an impressive 65ft road frontage. The main part of the rear garden measures approximately 85ft in depth and there is an additional hidden garden measuring approx. 40ft x 30ft, which the current owner uses as a large vegetable plot. Three double bedrooms, en suite shower room, luxury bathroom, Lounge and separate dining room, fitted kitchen with appliances, one and a half width garage, in and out driveway, sought after location walking distance of Hockley Station. Ref etl5525

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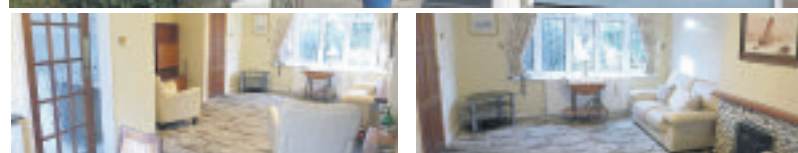
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Rayleigh

£325,000



Situated in a popular road in Rayleigh and within close proximity to the High Street and local schools is this semi detached house. Property offers three bedrooms, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, conservatory and large garage. Property is in need of some modernisation. Viewing advised!

Hockley

£325,000



NO ONWARD CHAIN semi detached bungalow offering two bedrooms, spacious living accommodation, fitted kitchen, bathroom & garage with off street parking. The property falls in the Hockley Primary School catchment and is within close proximity to the station.

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA

£275,000



Boasting three bedrooms, this spacious semi-detached chalet bungalow would suit a growing family ready for the next step. With front and rear garden to be enjoyed this home has many features that we feel must be seen.

Hockley

£150,000



Situated on Tower Park this detached park home offers two bedrooms, modern fitted kitchen and shower room and lounge. Property benefits from its own parking space to front and wrap around garden. Viewing advised. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Benfleet

oieo £260,000



Situated in a Cul de Sac position this semi detached chalet style house offers two bedrooms, lounge/diner fitted kitchen and bathroom. Property also benefits from a garage en-bloc and has good road links to A127.

Hockley

£195,000



Being offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN this two bedroom first floor apartment is an ideal purchase to get yourself on the property ladder. With a long lease and off street parking this home benefits from many features.

Rochford

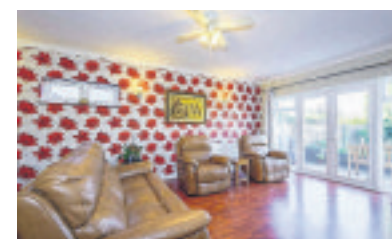
£330,000



Situated in a very sought after part of Rochford and located in a quaint Cul-de-Sac, this well maintained and delightful two bedroom Bungalow has a beautifully landscaped rear garden and garage with driveway to the front.

ROCHFORD

oieo £390,000



Situated in a very sought after part of Rochford is this exceptional detached bungalow. Offering three bedrooms, large lounge, fitted kitchen, en suite to master, family bathroom, separate W.C., utility room, generous garden and ample off street parking.

Hockley

£125,000



Situated on the sought after Tower Park is this very well presented detached park home offering one bedroom with dressing area, fitted kitchen and bathroom and wrap around garden.

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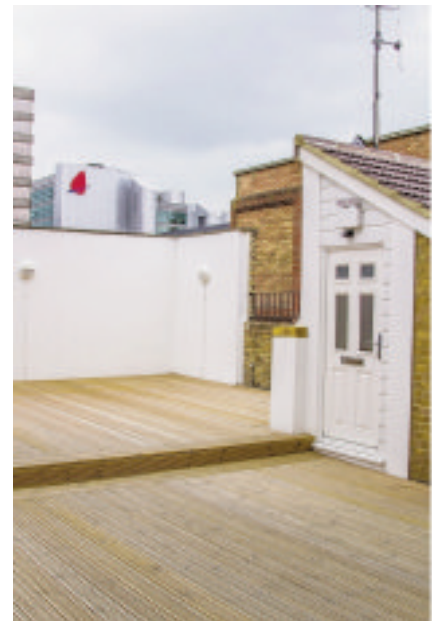

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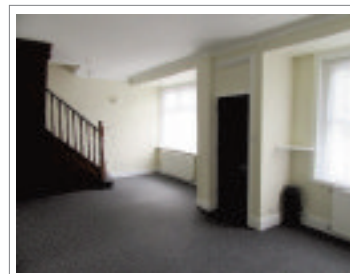
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CARS from 10 different manufacturers have been hailed best-in-class after the first round of voting in the UK Car of the Year Awards 2017.

The list includes more honours for Jaguar's fast-selling F-PACE SUV and wins for the first time in the awards for Hyundai, SEAT, Renault and Toyota.

The shortlisted models, selected by a panel of 28 of the nation's leading motoring writers, will now go forward to the final round where the winner of the UK Car of the Year will be announced on February 24.

Winning their first UK Car of the Year Awards were Hyundai, Toyota, Renault and SEAT.

In the Best Small Hatch class, the Hyundai IONIQ beat stiff competition to win, while the latest generation of Toyota's Prius was voted Best Family Car.

Renault's Scenic/Grand Scenic has been named Best MPV, and in the popular category of Best Crossover the SEAT Ateca came out on top.

The UK Car of the Year Awards 2017 also proved fruitful for two German manufacturers, as Mercedes-Benz and Porsche claimed two prizes apiece.

In the Best Executive Car category, the Mercedes-Benz E-Class took top spot,



WINNER: The Hyundai IONIQ has been singled out in the best small hatch class

while the S-Class Cabriolet was hailed as Best Cabriolet.

The Porsche pairing of the 718 Cayman and Boxster were voted Best Coupe and Best Sports Car respectively.

After winning the title of Best Luxury Car in 2015 with its Ghost, Rolls-Royce once again triumphed in the category with the

Dawn. At the other end of the driving spectrum, Ford reclaimed the Best Performance Car crown with the Focus RS, having previously won the category in 2014 with the Fiesta ST.

Best Estate Car was judged to be Volvo's V90 and the new Large Crossover category was won by the Jaguar F-PACE.

The full list of UK Car of the Year Awards 2017

Best Small Hatch – *Hyundai IONIQ*

Best Family Car – *Toyota Prius*

Best Executive Car – *Mercedes-Benz E-Class*

Best Luxury Car – *Rolls-Royce Dawn*

Best Estate Car – *Volvo V90*

Best MPV – *Renault Scenic/Grand Scenic*

Best Crossover – *SEAT Ateca*

Best Large Crossover – *Jaguar F-PACE*

Best Coupe – *Porsche 718 Cayman*

Best Cabriolet – *Mercedes-Benz S-Class Cabriolet*

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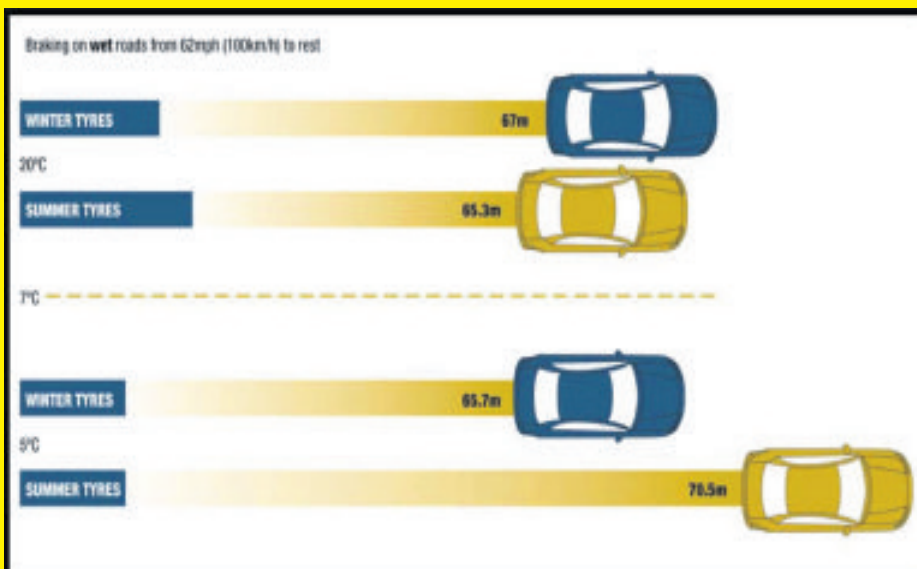
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Southend United 2-1 Rochdale
By Brian Jeeves

SIMON COX grabbed a dramatic stoppage-time winner as Southend United returned to winning ways against fellow promotion hopefuls Rochdale at Roots Hall Stadium.

Blues were looking to bounce back after Sheffield United ended their 13-match unbeaten league run seven days previously in a match manager Phil Brown suggested his players "didn't turn up" for.

However, Brown's men displayed the battling qualities that had seen them become genuine play-off contenders, much to his delight.

"It's the first time they've been beaten in a long time, so it's a great achievement in the run they're hav-

ing but also for us to get back to winning ways", he said.

Blues grabbed the lead after a quarter of an hour when Marc-Antoine Fortune seized on a poor back pass from Dale defender Keith Keane, before rounding goalkeeper Conrad Logan to bag his first goal league goal of the campaign.

The visitors' afternoon took another turn for the worse when Keane was dismissed by referee Rob Lewis after clattering Fortune as he bore down on goal.

Nevertheless, it was ten-a-side before the break. Jermaine McGlashan was clumsy on Ian Henderson, and Lewis again reached to his pocket to hand the Blues wide-man his second yellow card.

Rochdale, who had won their previous six matches, roared back after

the break. And shortly after the hour mark, they restored parity.

Calvin Andrew's effort appeared to deflect off Henderson and looped wickedly over Blues keeper Ted Smith and high into the net.

But battling Blues were not to be denied a notable victory. Deep into stoppage time, Cox exchanged passes with Will Atkinson before firing his 100th Football League goal beyond the stranded Logan.

Speaking to the club's official website after the match, Blues boss Brown said: "It was a good game of football and it had everything – imagination, flair, quality.

"I'm disappointed for Ted that he conceded with a deflected goal, but the character of the team came out today.

"It's been there for most of the

season. After the first 12 games, I think the character of the team has stood up on and off the field."

Southend United are next in Sky Bet League One action on Saturday, January 21, when Bolton Wanderers are the visitors to Roots Hall Stadium (3pm).

Southend United: Smith, Wordsworth (Coker 76'), Thompson, Timlin, Cox, Atkinson, Fortune (Hines 88'), McGlashan, Leonard, Demetriou, Ferdinand (C). Subs Not Used: White, O'Neill, Bridge, Matsuzaka, Bexon

Rochdale: Logan, Rafferty, McNulty, McGahey, Lund (Mendez-Laing 50'), Andrew, Camps (C), Rathbone (Allen 61'), Keane, Davies (Noble-Lazarus 25'), Henderson. Subs Not Used: Lillis, Hendavan, Owusu, Cannon

Referee: Rob Lewis
Assistants: Dave Bushell/Carl Fitch-Jackson

Fourth Official: Christopher Pollard
Attendance: 6,570

Hammers on rampage in second half blitz

Football

West Ham United 3 Crystal Palace 0
Brian Jeeves reporting from the London Stadium

WEST HAM United recorded their biggest Premier League victory at their new home as second half goals from Sofiane Feghouli coupled with delightful strikes from Andy Carroll and Manuel Lanzini, saw struggling Crystal Palace sunk on Saturday.

Neither side had been able to find consistency this campaign, while Hammers boss Slaven Bilic was once again reported to be under pressure following an FA Cup annihilation by Manchester City.

Bilic's problems mounted with talismanic French frontman Dimitri Payet saying he no longer wishes to play for the club.

Bilic brought defender James Collins back into the starting line-up, while Carroll was again the man charged with leading the attack.

West Ham stroked the ball around confidently during the early exchanges, although clear-cut opportunities came at a premium during a disappointing first half.

Carroll was a whicker away, volleying over from 12 yards after Mark Noble had picked him out.

Yohan Cabaye's speculative attempt drew a smart save from Randolph, while former Hammer, James Tomkins, somehow missed the target from a couple of yards out as Palace began to push.

West Ham responded, but Noble's strike was too high as the opening period drew to a frustrating end.



BATTLE: Andy Carroll of West Ham and Joel Ward of Crystal Palace clash near the touchline
Photo by Martin Dalton

Carroll and Cabaye were off-target as both sides looked for a foothold on their return. Then the Geordie front-man lashed wide after Palace failed to deal with Lanzini's troublesome dead-ball.

West Ham were now in the ascendancy. Carroll's fierce volley was blocked, while another Lanzini free-kick wasn't too far away. Feghouli was creating problems for the Palace backline in arguably his best performance in a Hammers shirt.

The home side continued to press. Sam Byram's angled drive flashed across the face of goal. Then, with little over 20 minutes remaining, West Ham grabbed the lead. Michail Antonio waltzed around keeper Wayne Hennessey before providing Feghouli with the simple task of knocking into an empty net.

If the first goal lifted the crowd, the second rocketed them into orbit.

Carroll met Antonio's cross with an audacious scissor-kick he described later as his best goal ever.

The Hammers weren't finished. Antonio found Lanzini, and the little Argentine raced half the length of the pitch before chipping over Hennessey for the Hammers third.

After the game, Bilic said: "It was a great day for us.

"The first half was nervous, but in the second half, we made a tactical change. But it was down to the players who reacted really great.

"In the second half, we were magnificent. The crowd really helped a lot.

"I told the players that we could expect a little bit more support from the start and we didn't want to lose it.

We had to build on it and show determination, commitment and a willingness to win the game today, and to give everything. That is exactly what we did as a team, all of them."

Bilic continued: "We had great quality in the second half. On top of that, the most important thing is to win of course. But to do it in style, score three goals and have your attacking midfielders scoring or assisting is great for them individually. Then to keep a clean sheet was great also for our defenders.

"I can call it almost the perfect result. It was one of those games that was much more than three points."

Crystal Palace chief Sam Allardyce, said: "It is tough for us at the minute. I'm still finding out about the players. They are making statements to me by the fact that results are not good enough."

West Ham are next in action on Saturday, January 21, when they visit the Riverside Stadium to face Middlesbrough (3pm).

West Ham United: Darren Randolph, Winston Reid, Aaron Cresswell Sofiane Feghouli, Andy Carroll, Manuel Lanzini (Edimilson Fernandes 87'), Pedro Obiang, Mark Noble (Capt), James Collins, Angelo Ogbonna (Sam Byram 46'), Michail Antonio Ashley (Fletcher 89') Subs not used: Adrian, Jonathan Calleri, Reece Oxford, Domingos Quina

Crystal Palace: Wayne Hennessey, Joel Ward, James Tomkins, Scott Dann (Capt), Yohan Cabaye, Andrew Townsend (Loic Remy 69'), Joe Ledley (Jeffrey Schlupp 81'), Christian Benteke, James McArthur (Lee Chung-Yong 69'), Damien Delaney, Jason Puncheon Subs not used: Julian Speroni, Mathieu Flamini, Zeki Fryers, Martin Kelly.

Referee: Neil Swarbrick
Assistants: Peter Kirkup and Marc Perry
Fourth Official: Roger East
Attendance: 56,984

Non-league round-up

Clarets progress in FA Trophy

By Brian Jeeves

CHELMSFORD City progressed to the third round of the Buildbase FA Trophy after Chris Dickson scrambled home a second-half winner for the Clarets against Dartford at Princes Park.

Dickson's goal came with just under 20 minutes remaining. Earlier, National League South rivals Dartford were reduced to 10 men when Alex Brown was red-carded for a foul on Anthony Church.

Braintree Town also made Trophy progress, winning 5-2 at rivals, East Thurrock United.

Michael Cheek grabbed a hat-trick for the Iron, while former Southend United pair, Jack Midson and Lee Barnard, were also on target. Sam Higgins hit a brace, one from the penalty spot, for the Rocks.

Concord Rangers played out an exciting 3-3 National League South draw with Oxford City at the Aspect Arena. Lyle Della-Verde and two penalties from Steve Cawley ensured the Beach Boys an important point. Mike Fondop, Matt Peake-Pijnen and Stephan Ngamvoulou found the net for the visitors.

In the Ryman League Premier Division, George Allen fired Canvey Island into an early lead at Harrow Borough. However, Steve Brown quickly levelled for the home side and the Gulls had to settle for a share of the spoils.

Elsewhere, Billericay Town were thumped 4-1 at Leiston after Christian Assombalonga gave the Blues an early lead. Grays Athletic were also beaten. Kwabena Osei's strike was not enough to save them from a 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Wingate & Finchley.

AFC Hornchurch were the big winners in Ryman League Division One North. Leon McKenzie bagged a hat-trick, with Abs Thompson and Kenzer Lee also among the goals in a 5-1 win at Witham Town. Tim Monsheju grabbed the hosts' consolation.

Sam Newson, Liam Nash and two own goals from Spencer Harrison ensured leaders Maldon & Tiptree a 4-1 win at Waltham Abbey. Rimmel Daniel scoring for the home side. Meanwhile, Chinedu McKenzie's first half goal earned Romford a 1-0 win over VCD Athletic.

Two late penalties from Reece Grant ensured Heybridge Swifts a 2-2 draw with Bowers & Pitsea at the Scraley Road Stadium. A brace from Brad Warner, one from the spot, had earlier given Bowers a 2-0 lead.

Anthony Macdonald gave Haringey Borough the lead at Chadfields, but Kust, Tilbury hit back to grab a point thanks to Kurt Smith's penalty. It was also 1-1 between Phoenix Sports and Thurrock, Jordan Clark with the Ship Lane side's goal from the spot.

But it was another tough afternoon for Great Woking Rovers, who crashed to their second successive 5-0 home defeat, this time at the hands of Dereham Town. Dion Frary, Daniel Beaumont, Joe Gating, Rhys Logan and a Nikki Beale own goal ensuring a miserable afternoon for the Boroughs Park faithful.

In the Essex Senior League, leaders Barking were emphatic 5-2 winners at FC Romania, while second-placed Southend Manor kept up the pressure with a 4-1 win over London Bari at the Southchurch Park Arena.

Waltham Forest won 1-0, seeing off Hullbridge Sports. Elsewhere, there was a tense goalless draw at the Old Spotted Dog as Clapton faced Redbridge in an east London derby.

Selected highlights from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Hannakins Farm with a thrilling Premier Division encounter at Canning Town by three goals to two.

Galleywood won 2-1 at Snaresbrook in Division One, while May & Baker EC Reserves were 6-0 winners over Leytonstone United in Division Three.

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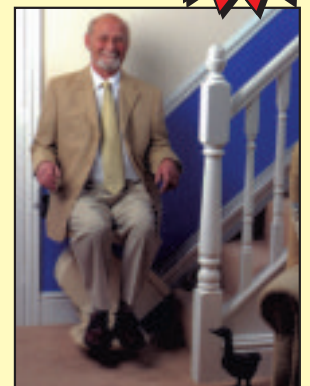
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